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SUBJ: VISIT TO U.S. OF MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND POWER

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1. IRISH MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND POWER, PETER BARRY, PLANS TO VISIT UNITED STATES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 1. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS PRIMARILY THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT HE WILL USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST NORAI D AND FUND RAISING FOR THE I.R.A. HE WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT JERRY LUMSDEN.

2. TENTATIVE ITINERARY AND SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

24 JANUARY - ARRIVE BOSTON. REST OF THE DAY FREE.

25 JANUARY - INTERVIEW WITH BOSTON RADIO AND TV STATIONS. EVENING RECEPTION FOR TRAVEL AGENTS.

26 JANUARY - AM TRAVEL BOSTON TO PHILADELPHIA. PM INTERVIEWS WITH TV AND RADIO STATIONS. EVENING RECEPTION FOR TRAVEL AGENTS.

27 JANUARY - TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON (PROGRAM HIGHLY TENTATIVE SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR MALLOY'S APPROVAL). AFTERNOON RADIO INTERVIEW ON WGMS RADIO. EVENING DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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WI JANUARY - INTERVIEW ON WTTG TV AND RADIO. EVENING RECEPTION

TO INCLUDE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS.

29 JANUARY - PM TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY. EVENING PRIVATE DINNER WITH TRAVEL PUBLICATION EDITORS.

30 JANUARY - MEET WITH IRISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL STATIONED IN NEW YORK. NOON LUNCHEON AT U.N. PM RADIO INTERVIEW. EVENING WORKING DINNER WITH BUSINESSMEN AT UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

31 JANUARY - DAY FREE. EVENING IRISH TRAVEL AGENTS BALL.

1 FEBRUARY - AM RYE, NEW YORK. EVENING DEPARTURE FOR IRELAND

3. REGARDING THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE WASHINGTON SCHEDULE, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT AN UNNAMED PRIVATE CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN HELPING WITH THE SCHEDULE HAD SUGGESTED THAT BARRY SEEK A CALL ON THE VICE PRESIDENT. THAT SUGGESTION WAS VETOED BY THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND POWER HERE ON THE GROUNDS THAT BARRY'S TRIP IS PURELY TOURISM PROMOTION. THE IRISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN ASKED TO SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH MINISTER BARRY'S OPPOSITE U.S. CABINET OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY AND TOURISM. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF A LUNCHEON ON CAPITOL HILL BUT WE ARE UNAWARE OF WHICH SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN ARE INVOLVED. CURLEY

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